

9
a
10/28/2

Docket No.: 50212-342

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
:
Tetsufumi TSUZAKI, et al. :
:
Serial No.: 10/058,326 : Group Art Unit: 2874
:
Filed: January 30, 2002 : Examiner: not yet assigned
:
For: OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

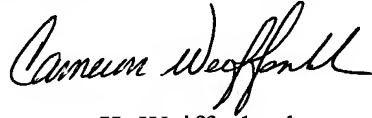
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Weiffenbach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cameron" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Weiffenbach".

Cameron K. Weiffenbach
Registration No. 44,488

600 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3096
(202) 756-8000 CKW:apr
Facsimile: (202) 756-8087
Date: October 22, 2002

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
CITATION IN AN
APPLICATION**

ATTY. DOCKET NO.
50212-342

SERIAL NO.
10/058,326

APPLICANT
Tetsufumi TSUZAKI, et al.

FILING DATE
January 30, 2002

GROUP
2874

(PTO-1449)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	PATENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	4,699,452	10/13/87	Mollenauer et al.			
	5,883,736	3/16/99	Oshima et al.			
	6,320,884	11/20/01	Kerfoot, III et al.			
	6,377,375	4/23/02	Taga et al.			
	6,377,389	4/23/02	Grubb et al.			
	6,417,959	7/9/02	Bolshtyansky et al.			
	6,433,921	8/13/02	Wu et al.			
	6,441,952	8/27/02	Duan et al.			
	01/0019448	9/6/01	Yokoyama			
	02/0093724	7/18/02	Krummrich et al.			
	02/0024723	2/28/02	Sekiya et al.			
	02/0044324	4/18/02	Hoshida et al.			
	02/0114061	8/22/02	Naito et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	PATENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						Yes	No

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED